

TRANSCRIPT OF BROADCAST

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Tonight Ladies and Gentlemen, I'd like to give you some more appraisals by an exile in the United States from the Iron Curtain countries, who has a first-hand personal knowledge of the operations of Radio Free Europe and who runs it and what goes on inside of it.

First, however, I'd like to observe that one of the most puzzling angles of this operation is the fact that the heads of it have been warned from the outset as to what they were doing and who they were playing with--the very politicians who had collaborated and cooperated with the Communists in these republics, if they were not Communists themselves, and whose present ambition is to see the countries overthrow their present Communist leaders, only to the end that these politicians themselves can come in and take over and impose their own Titoist form of government. It's puzzling because of the obstinacy and the persistence of the individuals who are presently running this Free Europe Committee in New York.

For more than two months I've been trying to get an interview with General Willis D. Crittenger, the top head of the committee, even to going to the Free Europe headquarters on several occasions. In the absence of being able to see him in person, I have made official and formal inquiry on various subjects to the public relations director under General Crittenger and except for a few minor points at the very beginning, I am unable to get answers to any questions. I have furnished a list of names of specific individuals asking whether these individuals are employed or on the payroll of the Free Europe Committee in any capacity. I have received no answer. I've made many other inquiries of specific fact which should be public information, and an organization that is supported by public contributions and which operates as a major propaganda arm of American foreign policy, and I get no answers.

The public relations director, Mr. Edward McInerney who is a most gracious, polite and intelligent gentleman, informs me only that he has sent my inquiries to the office of General Crittenger for answers, but that he has received no replies. In the meantime, various sponsors of the organization have

importuned my superiors in the news dissemination media through which I have been making these reports to you to try to bring pressure to stop these same reports which, after all, is rather extraordinary, and it leads to only one conclusion: That the people in Radio Free Europe and its affiliated operations are afraid of what I have been bringing out. They can't stand it. As a matter of fact, they have been in a state of semi-panic in New York and in Munich with conferences with Washington and conferences among themselves and running back and forth and wringing their hands because they are afraid the big money contributions in "Truth dollars"--ironic slogan--are not going to come in.

Let me point out two poisonous facts to you. These people don't want you to continue to hear what I have been saying and still have to say to the extent that they refuse even to answer my factual questions to help me safeguard against any factual mistakes. On the other hand, however, they have not shown the first shred of interest in the material that I have and the documents that I can produce and the facts that I can lay on the line for them, because the major reason for which I wanted to see General Crittenger was to tell him what information I have so that he could take steps to correct the evils and clean house.

The only possible conclusion from these two premises--and think well because this is the only possible conclusion--is that they don't want to know the facts and they don't want you to know the facts, and that instead they want to continue the whole thing just as it is at the present, with all of the evils and all of the misrepresentations.

I've been worried about some of the distinguished men who have lent their names as sponsors, and officials of the Free Europe committee and the Crusade for Freedom, which raises the money for it. I have taken the trouble to reach them through close mutual friends, and I have offered to sit down with them and show them my material in toto in order that they may know the truth and protect themselves. In the case of one top American industrialist, serving in a very high official position, I told him this by telephone, and I made an appointment to meet him in New York on Sunday the 29th of December, at which time, I would lay the full information out before him. I explained that I had no purpose in this other than to try, as one gentleman to another, to at least let him know what he had gotten himself into for his own protection. He seemed appreciative. He said he would like to have another official of the organization present who would be more familiar with the over-all operation. I went to New York as arranged. The gentleman did not even do me the courtesy to inform me in

advance that he would not be there. In answer to an inquiry on my part, his secretary informed me, after I had arrived in New York, that this gentleman would not be able to keep the engagement.

What goes on in this picture anyway? What is being covered up? Why is it impossible to get answers to any questions? Why is there no financial statement? Why has there not even been a president's annual report without a financial statement since 1955? This is 1958.

Now enough from me. Let's get back to some one who knows the Radio Free Europe story from A to Z. This man's name is Dr. Zbislov M. Peters, a functionary in one of the free democratic political parties of Czechoslovakia before the Russian Communists took over in 1948. He is an attorney now living in New York. He and his father were industrialists before they went into exile. In short, he was there, Charlie. Dr. Peters has sent me a copy of a letter he has written to Mr. William Price, the chairman of the board of the Westinghouse Corporation, and chairman of the board of the Crusade for Freedom.

Let me give you the gist of the letter in selected quotations rather than read it to you in full because it is too long, and these are direct quotations: "I'd like to express my opinion that the screening of Free Europe employees disregarded any evaluation from the point of view of principles for which this country stands and which made this country great. At the head of the Czechoslovakian desk and in its most important positions from the political standpoint, are the members of the Socialist and Marxist parties. At the head of the Czechoslovakian desk is Mr. Ferdinand Perutka, who is called by you an independent. Mr. Perutka was not a member of any political party. Therefore he can only be judged by his own statements and past activities. Mr. Perutka never pretended that he is not a Socialist and an admirer of a Socialist state and finally a supporter of the Communistic regime. Everybody who knew Mr. Perutka in Czechoslovakia knows that he is a Socialist and an enthusiastic collaborator of those Communists who took Czechoslovakia over in 1948. It is quite incredible that there are Socialists at the head of the Czechoslovakian desk, and if you will be checking into this matter you will find out that it is a circle of people with heavy consciences, people who serve as a witness to each other in order to maintain the circle firm. The majority of the employees on the Czechoslovakian desk have a feeling of

guilt, because they collaborated with the Communistic regime either in government or in some different way." That's the end of the quote. And there it is. That's not Fulton Lewis, Jr. speaking, that is Dr. Peters who was there at the time, who refused to collaborate and who knows these people personally. That's the top of the news as it looks from here.

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